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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 12/31/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/24/05
Broiler/fryer	142,201	150,374
Light hens	1,068	1,513
Heavy hens	1,174	1,332

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 24-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)
 LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL

Head	
Head sltr Comparisons	U N A V A I L A B L E
Last Week	
Same week yr ago	
To-date/2005	
To-date/2004	

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head			
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week			U N A V A I L A B L E
Same week yr ago			
To-date/2005			
To-date/2004			

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-DECEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	151,687	1,472	1,297	2,769
Avg Wt	5.43	3.46	7.76	5.47
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,304	1,404	1,488	2,892
Same wk yr ago	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277
Avg Wt	5.27	3.45	7.75	5.67
To-date/2005	8,201,280	72,508	72,143	144,651
To-date/2004	7,954,897	69,513	69,222	138,735

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.5 million head or 1.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Dec-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,418	14,124	41,198
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	30%	18%	52%
Last week	26,374	10,525	46,309
Avg Weight	3.70	4.78	6.49
% of total /1	32%	13%	56%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,138	23,083	45,646
Avg Weight	3.56	4.73	6.37
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%
To date/2005	1,339,894	1,047,474	2,519,076
To date/2004	1,297,857	1,053,675	2,301,671

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-Dec-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
Avg Wt	16.53	39.71	28.61	0.00	29.27
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,937	2,564	19	1	4,521
Same wk yr ago	1,180	1,628	10	0	2,818
Avg Wt	16.98	38.29	24.53	0.00	29.32
To-date/2005	93,676	131,084	1,235	211	226,206
To-date/2004	88,417	129,726	2,547	353	221,043

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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